

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

A RESOLUTION, Supporting the nomination of Judge Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court of the United States.

WHEREAS, Judge Samuel Alito is exceptionally well-qualified and has proven on the bench that he possesses the temperament, integrity, impartiality, and sound legal judgment necessary for a Supreme Court justice; and

WHEREAS, Judge Samuel Alito has a history of ruling based upon the established rule of law and the specific facts of the cases before him; and

WHEREAS, Judge Samuel Alito has extensive experience in the Supreme Court, having argued twelve cases before the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Judge Samuel Alito served as an editor on the Yale Law Journal, and after graduation was selected for a clerkship with Judge Leonard Garth of the Third Circuit; and

WHEREAS, Judge Samuel Alito has a long and distinguished legal career while serving as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, an Assistant to the Solicitor General, a Deputy Assistant Attorney in the Office of Legal Counsel, a U.S. Attorney, and a federal judge; and

WHEREAS, Judge Samuel Alito was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in 1990 and has served for the past fifteen years as a federal judge with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, the protracted political battles over qualified candidates and attacks on candidates based on misleading allegations need to be controlled, as they demean the federal judiciary and deter otherwise qualified candidates from participating:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-first Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Senate supports the nomination of Judge Samuel Alito to the United States Supreme Court, and encourages Senators Tim Johnson and John Thune to support this nominee.

Dennis Dugaard
President of the Senate

Patricia Adam
Secretary of the Senate